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January 21, 1941

Miss Emma Stauffer  
Care, Mr. Gene Gould  
1204 American Bank Building  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I am mailing this letter to you at Seattle in the hope that I will hear from you immediately upon your arrival.

If you wire me your plans, I will then be in position to submit word to our Promotional Department for your service.

I trust you had a pleasant trip home and that you will enjoy and be greatly blessed and benefited by the days you spend here in the States.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH



Y. W. C. A. Seattle,  
Wash.

Jan - 27 - 1941.

My dear Dr. King -

Please excuse the hand write  
as my typewriter is in Wales. I've had  
my order for 1941 right with me and  
hope to get to see you personally ere I  
hand it over to you -

Because - Rev. Yauel has  
never had to manage any Lightning  
and packing of supplies after the  
fashion it must be done in  
Wales - so I do not desire that  
the supplies reach Wales before  
I get back there - July 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>

Because - if supplies heat  
me there I know I'll have to  
pay at least twice the amount  
for the Eskimo's work that I would



Because wanted<sup>3</sup> to get my plans  
complete for going back to Wales  
before I wired you - but I have  
just today - got a final answer to  
my several calls on Alaska S.S.  
Co. that since the U. S. A. Army  
Core - has almost taken control  
of their (Alaska S.S.) sailings they  
do not yet know definitely the  
dates of sailings enough to let  
me be booked - so now I hope  
to finish up all my personal  
shoes, glasses, watch etc etc  
today and leave here tonight  
Eastward bound - & hope to get  
there in 2 wks time as I have  
some stops to make at friends  
enroute -

Then it seems I am supposed to go  
as an Alaska Elder to General  
Assembly - & am not sure yet of the date  
but it meets in St. Louis Missouri -

② If I'm there on the job myself -

Regarding a letter rec'd relative to  
my expenses (personal supplies) 1940  
I thank you - and as is customary  
to deduct ~~some~~ month's is all O.K.  
Now when I'm here I want to select  
a bed and kitchen table for Wales;  
as I've not spoken of these before  
to you will look around & see what  
can be had ere I go Eastward and  
we'll talk it over later on -

Please send my plans for speaking  
you may have for me to do - to  
me etc. - Mrs Henry Laughlin  
New Alexandria.  
R. D. #1. Pa.

As this is where I'll stop when  
at home - (most of the time)

Now I've been in Seattle since  
last Sunday - but did not notify you



— then after J. A. is over I plan to return via Harlem; Montana & spend a day or two there with friends — then to Seattle to do some speaking in connection with Ladies Presbyterian Societies — as they now have requested of me —

So considering all these afore mentioned engagements I shall later on — when I receive the printed Schedule of Alaska Steamship Co's summer sailings to Alaska — choose and reserve my accommodation for a certain sailing date — and notify you of the same.

If all seems suitable at my home — when I get there — likely there will be some word there from



P.S. when you write me - please  
give me the name of the Secretary  
of the Presbyterial or location of  
Church body which supports me -  
so I may call on them.

And if you wish to catch me  
enroute eastward - send letter to  
me at this address -

C of Mrs F. A. Whitfield  
#205 - E. Normal.

Lindsborg. Kansas.

as I expect to stop there last  
before Oak Park Ill.

Sincerely  
E. M. S.

you - after a few days - I plan  
to go to New York to see you to  
talk over some things with you  
and give you the years Supply  
order for Wales for 1941 -

I beg your forgiveness that  
you have not received word  
sooner of my arrival and future  
plans - because it has been  
impossible even to this date  
to get them complete and  
satisfactory to myself - but  
expect to purchase by R. Rickett  
today and get out of Seattle  
tonight if possible.

And for your help and advice  
beg to be gratefully yours  
Anna M. Stauffer



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EMMA M STAUFFER.

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ALASKA

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February 1, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
c/o Mrs. Henry Laughlin  
R. D. #1  
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I was delighted to receive your letter dated January 27th and to know that you had arrived safely and that you were making your plans for the future. I trust that you met with no difficulty in arranging for transportation returning to Wales.

Before I can send you any speaking engagements I shall have to have the open dates in your busy schedule. Please, therefore, send to me immediately the time that you can and will be able to offer in such work. I must remind you of the fact that you are on furlough and we are expecting you to rest and replenish your own inner life. You can not, therefore, afford to consume all of your time in promotional work. I shall expect you to heed this word very rigidly.

In regard to purchasing your bed and kitchen table, I am of the opinion that it would be best for you to make this selection on the west coast, thereby saving transportation charges from the East to the West. I shall be glad for you to purchase these needed articles.

Since I am out of the office a great deal of the time please give me due notice before your arrival in New York. While you are here we shall make the requirement that you go through a complete physical examination. This will be to your interest as well as to our interest.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B

ALASKA



New Alexandria Pa.  
R. D. #1.

Feb-17-1941

My dear Dr. King;

Regarding your letter of Feb. 8 with request of attending the Synodical to be held at Northfield about June 9<sup>th</sup> may I say - where is Northfield - in what state? I do not wish to say at present I shall be there -

Because - Rev's Yonel, Bingle and Cabbage gave me impression I am to attend Gen. & Assembly at St. Louis Mo. which meets about May 20<sup>th</sup> for a week or so - and I must be back in Wales Alaska before July 1<sup>st</sup> And as Seattle Presbyterian Ladies have already requested (by personal visits) that I meet their organization on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues <sup>June 10<sup>th</sup></sup> in June at 10 o'clock A.M. and so far have not been able to make any sailing date to return to Wales - because have not rec'd Sailing Schedule - expect it soon tho. So it seems to me if I go to St. Louis Mo - late in May - that it would be foolish for me to come



Away back East for June 9<sup>th</sup>: in  
so short time I cannot make it  
back to Seattle Church Ladies for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tues - which is June 10<sup>th</sup>

So fear - since Seattle Ladies need  
the first choice on my time since  
they help Wales people a lot with  
Donations, that I cannot reserve June 9<sup>th</sup>

And I am trying to be lazy and  
rest these days - but my friends  
have succeeded in persuading me  
to speak at their Church Organisations  
on Feb - 27<sup>th</sup> - Mar - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> are taken  
so I am wondering if I might get to  
meet you at your office on  
Mar - 7<sup>th</sup> and if this date does not  
suit you please let me know -  
otherwise will hold this date for you -

Also - as to the Physical Examination  
do you prefer this done by an M.D. of  
yours or Boards choice. Or may I  
get this done by an M.D. that knows  
me. - Personally I don't know of any  
ailment except one ear and it is  
O.K. if I treat it civilly -

Have my next years Supply order  
ready - goes when I go to you - we'll  
make some definite dates for



Promotions etc etc speaking  
when I see you.

I have a Water Family of Eskimo  
at the New York Fair that I  
wish to hunt up; also some  
friends of days in India working  
as Pastor of Church at Worcester N.Y.  
and want to see more about the  
Insurance Policy in Phila - and  
some duties also in Wash. D.C.  
all these Chances when I go over  
your way.

Am looking after my aged  
foster father this week while his  
wife (2<sup>nd</sup>) visits her daughter and  
family in a distant city -

And am quite happy & content  
was speaking yesterday in ~~Livermore~~  
Pres. Church - & to a S.S. class in Pres  
Church here - so am not idle by  
any means. Cordially yours  
Emma M. Stauffer.



February 21, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
R. D. #1  
New Alexandria, Pennaylvania

Dear Miss Stauffer:

We shall be obliged to hold your letter of February 17th for Dr. King's attention upon his return from a field trip the early part of next week when you will hear from him.

With cordial good wishes and looking forward to meeting you when you come to New York, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. King

HEW:B

ALASKA



February 25, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
R. D. #1  
New Alexandria, Pa.

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I shall be very glad to see you in my office according to your suggestion, Friday morning, March 7th, at 10 A. M. At that time we can clear all the speaking engagements that you will be expected to cover and also have plenty of time to go into all of the other problems that you have in mind.

It will be perfectly all right with me if you have your own doctor give you a physical examination. It might even be better. You may proceed and send us the bill and we shall be glad to have a check issued for the same. I am looking forward to seeing you in March.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B

ALASKA



New Alexandria.

R.D.#1. Pa.

Feb-25-1941

Miss Julia Wolf-

#126 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

New York.

N.Y.

Dear Miss Wolf:

Your letter of Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> received to day. and concerning the same I beg leave to ask you that in case Dr King does not get home to mail an answer to my letter of Feb 17<sup>th</sup> before Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> - then please have him send me a wire stating-date he will be in office if not on Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>; to me at #124- Maple Ave. Blairsville, Pa.

As I will be at this address from Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> until I would leave on Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> for New York. And in case I do not get a wire from Dr. King prior to March 6<sup>th</sup> I shall take it



for grant that he will not be in  
office on Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> and will not go  
until I hear from him.

Sincerely yours  
Emma M. Stauffer



February 8, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
R. D. 1  
c/o Mrs. Henry Laughlin  
New Alexandria, Pa.

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have today received a request from Miss Ann E. Taylor for you to be at the meeting of the New England Synod and Synodical which is to be held at Northfield around June 9. I hope you will give me your clear dates on the calendar so that we can proceed to make the necessary arrangements for speaking engagements.

Cordially yours,

LBK:B

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March 7, 1941

Mr. Carleton C. Loebble  
1805-1807 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loebble:

I am enclosing herewith a policy that was issued to one of my missionaries in Alaska, Miss Emma Minerva Stauffer. She is not interested in the straight life insurance but is interested in taking out an annuity contract. She is 52 years old and would like her contract to start paying at the age of 65. I am suggesting, therefore, that you mail her the information together with the application blank to R. F. D. #1, New Alexandria, Pennsylvania.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B  
Enc.

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Wm. H. H. H. H.

Emma M. Stauffer

1934-5 900.- Budget Spec.

1935-6 900.- " "

1936-7 900.- " "

1937-8 900.- Budget Spec.  
60.- Exp. fr. Alaska Budget

1938-9 225.- B.L. - 3 mo. fr. 10/1/38  
675.- Alaska 9" " 1/1/39  
Budget

1939-40 60.- Exp.  
900.- Alaska Budget  
60.- Exp.

1940-1 900.- Alaska Budget

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From Life History began work as a  
missionary Aug 10, 1934 as nurse.

Borrow but Budget office records  
show salary began 10/1/34

Y. W. C. A. Atlantic City  
(10 P.M.) 3-7-'41

Dear Dr. King;

Well - I was somewhat disappointed to find I visited around with the different office folks until I was too late to see you again. Because I wanted to apologize for not accepting the seat at the head of the lunch table - you I know will wonder why - here is the reason - I have lived & dined alone for so many years that when I am seated in a conspicuous place with strangers, I get so fussed up that either talking or eating is a hard task. So my experiences taught me to get on the side line somehow.

So please accept my apology.

After thinking over your plans of building living quarters onto the back end of Wales Church - I recalled the fact that if you build there we will still be on the government section of reserved land which runs right back of the church - So if you can possibly get to Wales & please try to come in August when the snow is all gone so you can see the wet low land - Somehow I think it would still be best to build above the church and connect on to church thru the present book room.



And I also forgot to tell you today that I did not succeed in purchasing either a bed or table as I plan to finish the purchase when I reach Pacific coast enroute back to Wales; & will bill you later. Also when the mission <sup>(and)</sup> General Assembly will be paying my travel expenses to and from Alaska to my home in Pa, do I have it right?

Then when I have addressed groups that give me something - when I had no expense to get to the place of meeting - it seems to me I should turn the money over to the mission Board - please advise of course - sometimes I get some cash and sometimes not a cent.

Are you going to General Assembly? And I wish to thank you for the very pleasant day you and Mrs. King and your office force, afforded me, especially the lunch and the lovely Bouquet of Roses you had sent me for me - every body and everything was so nice - I do

honestly fear; that, much as I do  
want you to come to see me in  
Wales I fear you will not fare  
so well as I did in New York today.  
But if you can come - I would  
like to have you come Aug-1941  
if possible, as I hope to be home  
on that date - but if it does  
not suit this year - then postpone  
it until next year and when the  
snow is all gone so we can get  
to look around -

And now we are nice & warm  
here for tonight and after seeing  
the town tomorrow a bit - I'll be  
heading for Wash. D.C. - maybe  
have to spend Sabbath there - then  
home on Monday because I want to  
get my niece back to school and  
also rest myself up before speaking  
engagements are due on Tues, Wed,  
Thurs, and Sunday - then several  
others that I would not set any  
definite date for until I returned  
from seeing you - and beg to be  
gratefully yours  
Esther M. Stauffer

Snow storm here tonight



! Sat. a.m. Mar-8-1941

y. w. c. a.

atlantic city.

My dear Dr. King-

Well my foster niece is so tired with all the excitement that she is still asleep even tho I'm up and have the light on - so here I do come again because instead of a fine snowstorm this AM - it is raining very hard - and thus we cant go walking out much with my fur. coat since I can ill afford to ruin it -

And I wish to ask about a Kodak seems one time I heard if such were purchased thru the Mission Board route that one got a reduction - And I prefer one that will take a snapshot the size of one enclosed so please let me know the price before you make the purchase.

Also what would be the cost of a Movie Camera the same size in M.M. as the majority of Board Films are - ?

also what would be the cost of a Light Meter - That can be used with any Kodak?

'all these things will be personal expenditures.'

Also please ask the lady who was looking up the Eskimo family for me - that first as soon as she can even find out the address of the man in charge of them - namely David Irwin - to please send it to me at New Alexandria Pa. P.O.#1. Because I have a Polar Bear Rug I would like to sell and possibly Mr. Irwin would buy it - it is a very nice one - and about 11 ft long - Mr. Irwin has bought many Polar Bear hides from Walls and maybe I can - by him - get rid of this one.

Or do you know of anyone who would be interested in the Rug I think it was Mrs Hayes who was looking up the Eskimo for me.

You may keep - if you wish the snapshots I send you.

Well it is still raining so I may head for Wash. D.C. early in the day since at sea coast towns rain is a frequent occurrence.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience I am cordially yours  
Anna M. Stauffer





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March 12, 1941  
Our 224th Year

Rev. Everett B. King, D.D.,  
Presbyterian Board of National Missions,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you for your letter of March 7 enclosing  
policy #C05-034 on the life of Emma Minerva Stauffer.

We are cancelling this policy and I will get in  
touch with Miss Stauffer immediately regarding a Retirement Annuity  
contract.

Thanking you for taking care of this for us, I  
am, with kindest personal wishes

Sincerely,

*Carleton C. Loeble*

Carleton C. Loeble

CCL:br

March 13, 1941

Miss Emma Stauffer  
c/o Mrs. Henry Laughlin  
R. D. #1  
New Alexandria, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Your two letters of March 7th and 8th have reached the office during Doctor King's absence on a short field trip from which he will return the middle of next week.

As to your questions regarding cameras - I have consulted Dr. Thorne's Office which handles the Photography end of the Board's work and they have given me the following information. The model camera which takes the size picture you enclosed has been discontinued. There is a camera which takes pictures approximately the same size; that is, the post card size. However, the cost of this is approximately \$45. and up. It has been recommended that you purchase the Eastman Vigilant Kodak with 6.3 lens which takes a Six-16 film, making  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " negative. The cost of this camera is \$19.50. Under separate cover, I am sending you the booklet illustrating the Kodak cameras. On pages six and seven you will find information on this camera.

As to the movie camera - The following three types have been suggested. These are 16mm cameras which is the type the Board uses. The second type which is listed is the one which is recommended as the most suitable.

|                                                    |         |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cine-Kodak Model E with F3.5 lens                  | \$39.50 |
| *Cine-Kodak Model K with F 1.9 lens<br>(with case) | 90.00   |
| Magazine Type Kodak with F1.9 lens<br>(with case)  | 127.50  |

\*This type is checked on page 18 and 19 of the Cine-Kodak leaflet.

As to the light meter- The Weston Master Exposure Meter, costing \$24.00 has been recommended as the most suitable.

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Miss Stauffer -2- 3/15/41

If this equipment is purchased through the Board a 25% discount may be secured.

I hope that this information will answer your questions and when you have decided what you wish to purchase, let us know and we shall be glad to put the order through. We shall hold the balance of your letters for Dr. King's attention upon his return.

Cordially yours

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA

By:

B

March 14, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma Stauffer  
c/o Mrs. Henry Laughlin  
R. D. 1  
New Alexandria, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Stauffer:

In your letters of recent date you requested the information which Mrs. Hayes had promised to secure in regard to the Eskimo Family. Mrs. Hayes called late yesterday to say that she had found that Mr. David Erwin would be in Detroit. His address is Michigan Sportmen's and Boat Show, Convention Hall, Detroit, Michigan until March 16th. I am sure that if you write him at this address the mail will be forwarded on to his next location which is, according to Mrs. Hayes, to be in Philadelphia.

I hope you are able to contact Mr. Erwin.

Cordially yours,

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA

By:

B

ALASKA



New Alexandria Pa.

P. D. #1.

Mar-15-1941

Dr. Everett B. King.  
156 - 5th Ave.  
New York.

Sal - 900 -

Maint - 1000 +

My dear Dr. King;

I am in receipt of a long letter from the Pres. Ministerial Fund people and it was so contradictory within itself - that I took it and went to Pres. Minister here - Mr. Stuart and he took my letter and said he would inquire for concise rules etc, and let me know later.

Now I wish to inquire of you what are the requirements of such a person as I - to become eligible to receive retirement Pension thru Mission Board; because the affairs of Ministerial Fund Assoc. - seem very complex and I don't know if I will allow the cash I am earning nowadays to get mixed up in that.

Please let me hear on Pension affairs at your convenience.

Gratefully yours  
Edna M. Stauffer

March 19, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
R. D. 1  
New Alexandria, Pa.

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I am today writing Dr. Reid, Secretary of our Board of Pensions, asking him to send you information about the pension plan in our church.

I am sorry, too, that we did not have another conference at the close of the day. However, I did thoroughly appreciate and enjoy the morning visit. I feel now that I know a little something about you and your work and this knowledge will enable me to more wisely administer the responsibilities at hand.

I shall be going to the General Assembly and we can have an opportunity to have a conference there on all unfinished items. I suggest you make a note of the things you want to talk to me about and we will clear them in St. Louis.

Unless Miss Ann E. Taylor notifies you of speaking engagements you may be perfectly free to do as you wish and will.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B

ALASKA



New Alexandria Pa.

R. D. #1

apr-16<sup>th</sup> 1941.

Dr. Everett B. King.  
#15-6 = Fifth Ave.  
New York. N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

Will you please oblige me  
by filling in the necessary  
answers in the vacant spaces  
and forward these documents  
on to their proper places.

I am enclosing the paper  
the Dr. gave me after my  
Physical Examination - and this  
is truly my condition - except for  
a little trouble with one ear  
as I told you when I met you.  
Hoping to meet you in St. Louis  
I am Gratefully yours  
Emma M. Stauffer

April 24, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
New Alexandria  
R. D. #1  
Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Stauffer:

We have completed your application blanks for membership in the Service Pension Plan and are mailing it today to Philadelphia. I trust that you will hear from it shortly.

Enclosed you will find the letter from Dr. Dickson that you have asked to have returned to you.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B

ALASKA



April 29, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Care of Mrs. Henry Laughlin  
R. D. 1  
New Alexandria, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Stauffer:

On November 13th, 1940, we sent you three checks for one hundred dollars each, totalling \$300. In this letter we requested you to give us an accounting of your expenditures after they had been made. Up to date we have not received your accounting. Will you, therefore, please send us immediately an itemized statement of your travel expenses en route to the States?

You will also bear in mind that the Board of National Missions is not in a position to pay for your airplane trips when other means of transportation are available. For instance, if you travel by plane from Fairbanks to Seward, then we will expect you to pay all above the railway fare in your flying expenses. In other words the Board grants the privilege of flying only when that is necessary; otherwise, the difference must be paid by the missionary.

Please let me have this information immediately.

Cordially yours,

EBK:TTL

ALASKA

New Alexandria Pa.

R. D. #1.

April-30-1941

Dear Dr. King-

Your letter of April 29<sup>th</sup> has just now reached me - and regarding the same I beg leave to say - that I cannot truthfully say what the train fare from Fairbanks to Seward is - and if you wish me to get this for you I can and will be able to give it to you at St. Louis Mo. as I will have it sent there to me.

As for the other expenses - out of the \$30.00 - I received from you I had not sent you any account of it as I planned to settle up at St. Louis - after the Assembly settled up with me.



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Now here is my account—

|                                   | Dr.      | Cr.      |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| From Wales to Nome by Plane       | \$40.00  | \$300.00 |
| " Nome to Fairbanks "             | 74.00    |          |
| " Fairbanks to Anchorage "        | 35.00    |          |
| " Seward to Seattle "             | 70.00    |          |
| " Seattle to Blairsville Pa. R.R. | 32.00    |          |
| " " Berths                        | 7.50     |          |
| " " Meals                         | 10.00    | 268.50   |
|                                   | \$268.50 | \$31.50  |

I also have a record of what has been given me at some places where I have given Talks in Churches etc. on the work at Wales— Am I to use this income to pay my expenses in getting to the place to speak or what is to be done with it— I have been using it for traveling expenses as needed— to get me around to these places.

At any rate I shall enclose the list so that your Office may give credit to

Various Organizations & Missionary Societies

|                                                                     |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| New Alexandria Pa. - Presbyterian Church Organization               |         |
| Women's Missionary Society -                                        | \$20.00 |
| Young Women's Conf. " -                                             | 10.00   |
| <hr/>                                                               |         |
| Blairsville Pa. - Presbyterian Church -                             |         |
| Christian End. Society -                                            | 7.00    |
| Junior Ch. ..                                                       | 3.00    |
| Collection evening church service                                   | 7.00    |
| <hr/>                                                               |         |
| Tunnetton - Ind. Co. Pa. - Presbyterian Church -                    | 6.00    |
| Litchburg - " " Pa. " "                                             | 5.00    |
| Bethel Pa - near Indiana Creek Indian Village                       | } 10.47 |
| and Homer City " " " " "                                            |         |
| Monesson Pa. <sup>Homer City</sup> Presbyterian Missionary Soc. " - | 5.00    |
| <hr/>                                                               |         |
| \$73.47                                                             |         |

And I have spoken upon request at -  
Feb - 24<sup>th</sup> New Alexandria Y. L. Conf. Society.  
" - 26 " " " " " Singing Circle  
" - 27 " " " " " Mary & Martha Circle

Jan - 12 - Fairbanks S. S. School -  
" - 13 - " " Evening Church Service  
" - 14 - " " Young folks at church -  
" - 17 - Palmer Alaska - Ladies Guild " "  
" - 17 - Palmer Alaska - Mrs. Pugh's Circle.  
Mar - 2 - New Alexandria Pa. S. S. School  
" - 3 - " " Pa. Club.  
" - 4 - Blairsville Pa -  
" - 5 - " " Pres. Ch. Prayer meeting  
" - 4 - " " " " Ch. End Soc -  
" - 11 - " " Rotary Club  
" - 12 - New Alexandria Pres. Ch - M. S.  
" - 12 - Tunnetton Pa " " - Prayer Meeting



24 Speaking Places Continued -

Mar - 13 - Bethel Presbyterian ch. M. Society -  
 " - 16 - Blairsville " " & h. And " -  
 " - 19 - Grete - Pa - Women's M. Society.  
 " - 26 - Shilldsburg Pa - Public school  
 " - 27 - New Alexandria Pa - High "  
 " - 27 - New Stanton Pa - High "  
 " - 27 - New Alexandria Pa - special service  
 " - 30 - New Alexandria Pa - W. M. church service  
 " - 30 - Blairsville Pa.

April 1<sup>st</sup> Homer City - Pa. - church. M. Society.  
 " 2 - " " " - High School  
 " 3 - Herry Pa - church  
 " 6 - Blacklick Pa - "  
 " 13 - Hopewell - " - "  
 " 16 - Saltsburg - " - Prayer meeting service.  
 " 20 - Indiana " - Sunday School session  
 " 23 - Monnesson " - W. M. Society.  
 " 25 - Butler " - Presbyterial  
 " 27 - Bethel " - Church services

This is what I have been doing in the speaking line ever since arriving home and I have several yet to do ere I start back to St. Louis or Wales Alaska.

If it is agreeable to you, you may deduct the balance due your Board out of the 300.00 loaned to me (which is \$31.50) out of my next salary check -

And as for anything I have done

with income from speaking engagements  
that is not agreeable to you - please  
let me know - as I recall I wrote you  
once before for advice on this matter and  
so far received no reply. <sup>see letter 3/8/41</sup>

Hoping to see you in St. Louis - it  
presses for me to remain until it is all done.

I do not add the mission to pay any  
expense of travel for me that is over and  
above what my expense would be if I did  
travel by train and spend my time at a  
hotel waiting for the train to get ready to  
go - or sitting at a hotel in Rome waiting  
a week for a plane to fly across to Anchorage  
which if I had the trip and hotel bill would have  
totaled more than my trip via Fairbanks to  
Anchorage has done; the extras I paid myself.

In Alaska one gets to be a bore when  
obliged to stay long on; even mission friends  
when groceries etc are very expensive - and  
mission folk just refuse to accept any Board  
so hope to see you in St. Louis and if it  
suits you I will then tell you the balance I am  
using most of the speaking income - to get for  
Walls Church. Sincerely yours  
Emma M. Stauffer



May 5, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
R. D. #1  
New Alexandria, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for your good letter of April 30th in which you give me an itemized statement of your expenditures. I note your expenditures total \$268.50. This leaves a balance of \$31.50 out of the \$300. advance. In addition, I am going to have to ask you to deduct the following items from your expense account.

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Seattle to Blairsville, Pennsylvania | \$32.00      |
| " " Berth                            | 7.50         |
| Meals                                | <u>10.00</u> |
|                                      | \$49.50      |

In keeping with the policy of the Board the expenses for returning missionaries are paid only from Seattle to Seattle. These items deducted total \$ 49.50. Therefore, you will owe the Board the following:

|                                                       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance on \$300. advanced                            | \$31.50      |
| Deductions on expenses from Seattle<br>to Blairsville | <u>49.50</u> |
|                                                       | \$81.00      |

Please indicate to me how you would like to have this matter taken care of.

Relative to your speaking engagements and offerings received. It is a bit irregular for it to be handled in this manner but I think under the circumstances we will simply let you consider all gifts as personal gifts. We will, therefore, not credit in our office any of the organizations unless you send the money in to us for the credit. As a rule the monies collected by Board employees are sent directly to the Board. In your case we will make the exception.

Miss Emma M. Stauffer

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5/5/41

I shall look forward to seeing you at the meeting of the  
General Assembly.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B



Room #815- American Hotel.

St. Louis, Mo.

May - 19-1941

Dr. Everett B. King.  
Genl Assembly.

Dear Dr. King -

Your letter of May 5<sup>th</sup>, I have just received - and somehow it is rather confusing to me - in that I understood the travel expenses of me were to be paid by General Assembly on a certain day during such meeting. And if I now return part of the money you advanced me - and then G. A. comes along and pays me the travel expense to and from Assembly back to Walus Alaska - things certainly would be complicated then.

So I think in order to keep matters clear I had best return the whole \$300.00 to you - and if G. A. pays me then O.K. but if it don't pay me then I will let you know and you can

5/27/41  
A. J. [unclear]  
System [unclear]  
Bureau [unclear]  
Shirley

can send me a check later on.  
And I now understand that unless  
the G. A. pays my travel from Seattle  
to St. Louis and back to Seattle - then I will  
have to pay that myself.

Now as to the money given to me I  
enclosed a List of certain Church Societies  
who gave this money \$73.47 and I now  
send you that amount by check and  
please credit each Organization with  
amount they gave me. Because I do not  
wish to be hampered or made exception  
of - as it will only make trouble in  
future for me and other missionaries  
who frequently inquire of me - as to what  
I do with the money given me.

If you agree with my plans herein  
please accept the checks and close  
the matter temporarily until I get  
chance to present a bill of travel to the  
General Assembly. Please and thank you  
Emma M. Stauffer



Seattle. Wash.

June - 5 - 1941

Dear Mr. King;

ALASKA

Well, here I do be - after a very  
hot but pleasant vacation I am on  
my way back to Wales Alaska, and  
will be most glad to get home once more.

I met Rev. Howell - is it correct  
in Mr. Gould's office and related quite  
a tale to him concerning what is supposed  
to be a Presbyterian church at Big Warm-  
mountain - He may tell you of it - if he  
does ~~let~~ me know and I will tell you.

<sup>sent</sup> ~~off~~ <sup>to</sup> Herin in the Receipt for the check  
you sent to pay the year's mission  
account at our Wales Store - last Dec.  
I forwarded it to our school teacher - Mr.  
Crutcher - because store managers have  
changed since I am out home. Looking  
for you in Wales this autumn I am  
Gratefully yours  
Emma M. Stauffer

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

June 6, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I need an appraisal of our work at Wales. Please, therefore, write me in detail immediately your own appraisal of our work. In order to help you develop this appraisal, I am herewith stating some of the information that I am anxious to secure.

1. State the population of your community, giving the white and native population. Give a brief description of the community.
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3. Describe our property. Who holds the title? Give the cost of construction and the actual value. State the condition of repair.
4. Describe your program. Give the membership and attendance at worship service, Sunday School, young people's organization and midweek services.
5. In your opinion what is the future for our church in your community? Give reasons for your opinion.

It is imperative that I have this information as promptly as possible so would appreciate a reply by return airmail.

Cordially yours,

*Evelyn B. King*

EBK:B

c.c. sent to Miss Stauffer  
c/o of Gene Gould in Seattle

June 8, 1941

SPECIAL DELIVERY  
AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
c/o Rev. Dr. James Thomson  
1203 American Bank Building  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Your check for \$300. drawn against the Peoples Bank of Blairsville has come bouncing back to us with the mark as indicated on the enclosed. I am sure that there has been some oversight on your part and we shall be very glad to have you make the correction.

I trust that you will have a good trip back home and that you will find your own soul refreshed with the visit to the States.

Please send me information as to how I can best go to St. Lawrence Island from Nome and how I can best travel from Nome to Wales around the 20th of August.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B

ch for \$300  
6/9/41 on Pacific  
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Seattle recd  
6/11/41

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check

ALASKA



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EBK:B

c.c. sent to Miss Stauffer  
c/o of Gene Gould in Seattle

ALASKA

June 11, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Enclosed is the returned check. I am sure that you will be able to get the bank to give you a satisfactory explanation.

Thank you also for the good instruction that you gave me relative to my visit to Wales and St. Lawrence Island. I shall follow your good advice.

It was certainly fine to have the fellowship with you in St. Louis. My friends, the Pedigos, thoroughly enjoyed you and appreciated having you in their home.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B

ALASKA

Wales, Alaska.

July - 3 - 1941

Dr. Everett B. King.

#156 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

New York.

N. Y.

Dear Dr. King;

I am enclosing the statement of sales of Hymn-books Dr. Yonel has made - and a ck. covering the amt rec'd for them. Several more books were sold and the purchasers gave credit on Mission Acct at our store to the value of price of book - 50¢.

Am also enclosing the bill of expense for Interpreters from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> and I hope you will see your way clear to send me this. And will you please send this and all of my cks - to me here. Because since Mr. Gould is no longer helping, I do not care to trouble him, with what I can handle myself.

Hoping to see you in August.

I am

Emma M. Stauffer



# RECORD OF SALES OF SONG BOOK- "VESPER CHIMES"

|                        |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|------------------------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Betty Amadelootuk      | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$0.50 |
| Catharine Kaingnizinia | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| Clarence Ongtowasruk   | - 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1.00   |
| Andrew Koweluk         | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| Warren K. Adloot       | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| John E. Youel          | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| Bob Tokiennaa- 2       | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1.00   |
| Mrs. Agnes Oxereok     | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| Alfred Sereadlook      | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| Willie K. Augnaboogok  | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| Christopher Weokuk     | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| Thomas Tungwenuk       | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | .50    |
| John D. Okie           | - 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1.00   |
| Total                  | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$8.00 |

Check for this amount herewith- \$8.00,

Respectfully submitted,

*John E. Youel*  
John E. Youel.

Wales, Alaska,  
July 3, 1941

*over 500  
8/1/41  
John E. Youel  
Wales, Alaska*

Wales. Alaska.

July, 10th, 1941.

Dr. Everett B. King.  
#156 5th Ave.  
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Well I am back here and glad to be here too; and Rev. Youel left on Tuesday evening by plane for Nome; as I thought preparatory to getting across to St Lawrence Island; and this house seems queer to me now since he is gone and I am once again all alone.

But it give me a chance to get at some more very unpleasant dirty work; that don't need to be stopped to get a little cooking done when there is no other person in the place to eat or get hungry. It is quite evident that Mr Youel had never been acquainted with Fuel oil stoves; for at least I am having some time of it to get mine working again so that I can get some use out of the oil they are consuming; but I hope to tolerate the present mess only until next Monday A M; when Sabbath activities are over for a few days; then I will do some old "DUDS" and having put out the fire; roll up my sleeves and clean the Flue & stove etc, etc and hope to have the place all cleaned up ere you can get here in August. The wind made a wreck of the chimney on the house roof; Eskimo said the pipes were rusted badly so I shall have to get new ones from Nome, and have them put up. When you make a new manse for here I honestly hope there will be stationary chimneys made and incorporated into the building so we will not need pipes out doors.

And I do hope you will be sure to get around to me I wish you could and would arrange to stop with me for a few days (that is asking a lot I know; but if you can; I wish this very much) Because many things I want to talk over with you. May I mention one here; that Rev. Youel wants to get some new furniture for manse here; but I told him; no not at all, not one more piece until we have a new manse; I have re'cd the bedstead; and will try to get it up ere you arrive; and my table and four chairs are on the way; when they get here I will submit the bill for them to you.

My donation to the church here; the organ; has arrived and as Mr Youel was still here it has been duly dedicated; and is now in the church and has been used for services.

Now I still owe the Board \$5.00 that was given to me when out speaking after I sent you what I have; so my check is enclosed; please accept it; and hoping to see you I remain

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer

P.S. Credit - this \$5.00 to the Seattle Proletarian Society.

P.S. - I am sending these  
direct to you because from  
my Radio Reports it  
would seem likely Rev.  
Gauell is stopping on  
St. Lawrence Island.  
as it seems Miss Daman  
is seriously ill & trying  
to get over to Honolulu  
for medical care -  
Hope to see you & talk.  
only thing I hurt I still



want to remain here.

Ed Stauffer

Sunday - July - 20<sup>th</sup> <sup>Later</sup>  
radio news - is it seems  
Miss B. did not go over  
to home - maybe the Ws on  
U.S. Cutter took care of  
what was necessary & I  
cannot say - Mail boat due  
any time now. Ems.

## QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Emma M Stauffer.R.N. Wales. Alaska.  
Church Thornton Memorial Church.  
Date July;15th;1941.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr.King;

It seems it is a long time since it was my duty to write you of the activities of our people here. And as I have been away from my work for the past six months;I can only tell you of the impression of their faithfulness to their church and its Sabbath School, Prayer Meetings, etc; by the reports as recorded by your Representative here; in my absence; and even without such; I can assure you; in all my travels while in the States; a more loyal body of church goers I failed to find nor can such be found in any such isolated village in Alaska. And it is really a pleasure ~~for~~ to return to them; and work amongst them.

Thought I must admit there have been some changes; generally speaking in the Personnel; but the Spirit still moves amongst them in its most mysterious way; so that many who were not members of our church before have confessed their Faith; some even since my return; and been accepted into membership of our church; before Rev. Youel left here on July, 8th, '41.

I am very pleased to have the organizing of the Young People's Society; and hope to continue it even thru the summer whenever there are enough people in town to do so. But much as I desire to do this; I doubt if it will be so; because just within the last ten days seven of our families have moved away to the Tin Mining section to work for the summer which takes about thirty folks out of town;; and I just learned from one of my Elders today that it is imperative that he take his family and go over to Nome; by his own walrus hide boat; and they will number just ten; that will be gone likely the remainder of the summer season; but hope he will see his way clear to return to this village this Fall; as he now plans to do; if possible.

We have had very good health; generally speaking amongst the Eskimo except for one little girl died of Tubercular Meningitis; and one other child who is failing rapidly from a serious Rheumatic and tubercular condition; due to having spent the most of her life in an underground log house; called an Igloo. I am hoping she may gain strength and overcome the disease; as she has improved some since I came home and had them put up a tent and all the family live out in the tent with her.

And we have been blessed with many new babies in town; which we will depend on you to Baptize when you come over to see us this Fall.

Just to night there is much excitement in town; as the Herders who were sent several days ago to round up the herd of Reindeer; have been successful; and have their Herd at the Corall tonight; which may mean that we may be obliged to go and take care of them at once; as shortage of local pasture will not permit us holding the Herd indefinitely; so just as Rev. Youel thought we were doing something terrible when we had to unload the Freight ship that anchored in our Bay about 8;PM one Saturday night; and our folks just simply had to work all night (we have daylight you know) and until afternoon of the next day at unloading some of our next years supplies so do not be surprised if the same sort of happening takes place with the reindeer work; there are some works of necessity that must be done even on the Sabbath day. One has to live here a year to learn these things.

Emma M. Stauffer

August 10, 1941

Airmail

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I am taking the Clipper from Seattle on Sunday, August 17, for Fairbanks. The ten days following my landing in Fairbanks will determine whether or not I get to see you. I am trying to make plans to spend a day or two with you at Wales.

I think you are exactly right about the new furniture for the manse. It would be foolish to purchase new furniture until a better building has been provided.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DDH

ALASKA



at 1203 - C. B. 189.  
Seattle!

Dear Dr. King:

Well you surprise me  
about that ck - it's the fault  
of the Bk to look, because he  
squared up my account  
here I left there - and will  
never mind - you mail that  
check back to me and I will  
thrash it out with the Bank  
in Skirville - from Wales

And I am enclosing a ck  
on my ck. acct in Seattle and  
it surely will be O.K.

I wonder why the Bank have  
not sent any word to me - if  
my ck acct is short - well  
that's my affair - with them

Now as to your trip to St. Lawrence  
Island and Wales - I would say your  
best way from Nome to either place would  
be Plane - when you reach Nome - contact  
Wein Airways, <sup>and other Airways Co - some good some no-good -</sup> who may carry mail by  
Plane on certain days (weather permitting) to  
St. Lawrence Island - and if they do not do this:

See the U.S. Coast Guard Service as to when a  
ship will be going over there <sup>2nd</sup> Any case do not  
go on some little Trading vessel to St. Lawrence.

Try to go by Plane and lookout - or you will get  
stuck over there - as Planes are hard to get to come  
after you - And Gambell & Saroonaga are far apart -  
I presume if you got to one Inuk Bannan lines in  
she could get natives to take you by skin boat  
around the Island to the other village -

No trouble to get to Wales from Nome - best way  
is by Plane - Wein Airways often come - fare \$40. or  
one day - it takes about 1 hr. You tell Sig Wein I  
told you to get him to bring you - he has brot me more  
than once - Wein's Planes are O.K. for short trips as to  
Wales and Tin City & Teller - but in case you have  
occasion to come from Fairbanks to Nome - try to come  
on a P.A.A. Airway Plane as they have more comfortable  
Planes and the fare is first the same <sup>They go twice w.f. I think Monday & Friday</sup>

Ships are very scarce from Seattle to Alaska - & slow  
And going to Wainwright & Barrow by boat can best be done  
either by the Behring Ship Consul & Alaska S.S. Co for sailing dates  
or on a Coastguard ship (which takes too much time to suit you)  
Better do your travel by Plane Sincerely Emma M. Stauffer



## QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Emma M Stauffer. Wales. Alaska.

Church Thornton Memorial

Date August. 14th, 1941.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

ALASKA

Dear Dr. King;

It seems I am not supposed to send this sort of letter now but I thought it best to write you since there have been so many of our people gone away for the summer to work; in one week seven families moved away; and several other families have been going and coming all summer until it is often almost impossible to hold any services at all.

So many young folks went away that it was impossible to keep up the Young People's meetings that Mr Youel began during the winter season; as the folks themselves wanted to stop for the summer; and I am hoping that when they all get back home this autumn to get meetings opened again; if possible.

Then it came time for the yearly Round up for counting and marking the reindeer; so when the herd was brought to the Corall; just north of the village; every person that was able to go moved out to Corall Camp and was there for about ten days; so that I could not hold any meetings then at all. But put in much of my time visiting the few left in town, and most of these were sick and unable to go to Camp.

But eventually they all got home again; and settled in for a few weeks at home; and have been most faithful in attendance to the Sabbath School and church services. One day the younger folks who were staying with their folks at Tin City happened to be home for a Prayer Meeting service and they all numbered 97 at the service; which was very unusual for Wales. For in summer weather our folks don't want to be indoors when it is daylight; no matter how wet the weather they will play out.

We have several new babies since Mr Youel left; and all are doing very well; am looking forward to getting you to Baptize these when you come over this way this Fall. Hope you can get here.

We have had one death; a girl about 10 yrs of age of Tubercular Meningitis. And we have one more girl about the same age in serious condition; with a weak heart caused from rheumatism. Other than this the health of the people is very good except those who were in an accident a few days ago; of the explosion of one of their engines they use on their boats; in which one man got a broken, and badly lacerated arm; I asked the teachers to send him to the hospital in Nome; as I did not have the facilities to care for the arm here; he is 50 to 55 yrs of age and may have trouble to get the bone to grow together.

Another man was hit by flying metal and has a badly cut up hand; I wanted to send him to the hospital too; but his father did not want to, young man to go out of the village (he had been in Nome; was put in jail; & sent home) so I have had my time with his hand; as usual it was infected; but is on the mend now; we hope the Coast Guard Ship's Dr. will call here soon and look the hand over; but the worst is over now.

Then a small 8 yr old boy was hit on the head by flying metal too; and he was badly cut ~~but~~; but not fractured skull; is doing fine.

So I am kept busy with all sorts of missionary work; as you see.



Wales. Alaska.  
Sept. 15th, 1941.

Dr. Everett B. King.  
#156 5th Ave.  
New York.  
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Well; I do suppose that long ere you may get this letter and report; you will have reached your New York Office and have now a better idea of what your responsibilities in connection with your work in Alaska is. I was very sorry to hear by radio; two days after you were in Wales; that your Pilot could not get you into Nome when you left us; and had to bring you back to Teller; what a pity; and I wondered where you did find accommodations for the night, in that small place.

But when I heard it; I said to myself; well, I think Dr King is the type that wont have to have a "Band box" so to speak but am sorry you had this inconvenience; and still I am very thankful; that mercury was not 45 below zero; or else you may have been very uncomfortable anywhere over the night; spent outside of a Nome Hotel.

I did not hear if you succeeded in getting over to St. Lawrence Island or not. Hope when you reply, you will tell me if you did or did not. As we had many days of very bad weather after the day you folks were here; often we could not see half a mile distant.

Well: my dear brother I am fine; and to the best of my knowledge; everything in town is fine; every one is so nice and kind to me, it is a joy to be here and work amongst these people. A crowd of the wpmen folks; who with their families are camping at Tin City; working; came over the mountain trail lately to be here and say farewell to the boy and two girls who have gone out to the government school at White Mountain; ( I kept the boy at my house over night, his parents are not in Wales now, so as he would not miss the boat, if it came at night) and the whole crowd of them came trooping in to visit with me; and all seemed to be very pleasant and content.

The day after you were here; three more families left going southward for to get berries; are not back yet. But the few left here have been most congenial, co operative, and faithful in attendance to any and all church services. And now since we have a blanket of snow on our Mt., the folks will be coming and going all the time until the last of October, at least.

But I am fine (when there is no one here to scold me) and if I get out of sorts; or order I surely will gladly let you know about it all; by wire if necessary. You mentioned something about me resorting to prayer; and letting the rest alone; well brother; that has been my source of power for many years and will be yet; as long as I control myself. Cordially yours Emma M. Stauffer

October 3, 1941

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I am sorry to have to report that the weather man was was not kind enough to me to permit the journey over to the Isle of St. Lawrence. When we arrived in Nome we found the weather condition very poor for flying. After waiting for several hours there we took off for Fairbanks and arrived safely.

Thank you for your sympathy in regard to our stay in Teller. I have spent days in far worse places than Teller. We were very comfortably taken care of. You are right. I do not think I am a "band box" and I have been able to stand some rough treatment.

I am also very glad to hear that everything is working out so smoothly and so well for you at Wales. I know that the folks there are devoted to you and appreciate your loyalty and sacrificial service.

Now in regard to your requisition list for 1942. I am supplying you with this information so that you can govern yourself accordingly.

1. Be sure your list complete is in the New York Office not later than April 1, 1942.
2. Due to prices and other conditions we are asking that you do not designate the brands for the food that you order. Give us the leeway to buy the best that we can find with the money that we have to use.
3. There will be no more orders sent of kerosene in the five gallon cans. We will send the kerosene in larger containers. We have found that it is cheaper.
4. Please save your oil drums with the stoppers and next year when the boat arrives ship them back to Seattle. We have found that it may be possible to save several dollars on each drum. Of course, we will expect you to carefully inspect the drums and to ship only those that are in first class condition.

ALASKA

Miss Stauffer

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10/3/41

I enjoyed being with you in Wales and it makes  
it so much easier now for me to remember you in my prayers.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE



Wales. Alaska.  
Oct.22nd,1941.

Dr.Everett B.King.  
#156 Fifth Ave.  
New York.  
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

*attached*  
Thank you for your letter of Oct,3rd,it is a great comfort to me;for it dont sound as if you were planning to move me;at least not very soon. But after you were here I thought;well why didn't I tell you that when Mr Youal said I should leave Wales;that I had asked him;that if the mission did move me;that been as I had been in India;and worked in the Punjab;that if it suited that I would like to go again;and he sharply replied;that no use to suggest that,because I was too old for any such travels;so I said nothing more to him on the matter. Nor am I wanting to move;no I am very content in my work;and the people are very,very nice to me, and very faithful in their part of services etc.

But I do know that when I am too old to be of any use to any mission station;and good for nothing,that God will take care of me;as He has always done all my life. Your records should show my age;and I am not ashamed of it yet.

And you will see by the reports that we are all; but five young men;setttled in for the winter at Wales;and are on our regular schedule of winter classes etc;and it would prove to you the faithfulness of these people to me and their church if you were here and see the interest their children and young people take in their respective classes and meeting activities;and I do enjoy them so much.

The only snag now confronting the village council is the unexpected arrival of two strapping big young men who sent their Grub on our last mail boat trip Oct,15,and landed here themselves by Plane on last Sabbath,my Eskimo dont know what to make of their maneuvers;temporarily they are harbored at the teachers;they came to church Sunday evening,after service came to me about a place to stay;well I am not taking them in; as they have no work nor business of any kind here;and my people know it;and as one of my Elders;a councilman,talked to me yesterday he tells me the council will take the matter up;and decide what shall be done. But I fear very much that these two men are here for no good to our churchwork and our people;from what I can find out from conversation(which is very twisty,they tell anything)I believe they are both Catholics,or one is,and the other is Episcopalian as he showed pictures of the Bishop from up the Yukon valley;who he says he expects to have come to visit in Wales this winter.

These two men are trying to rent a room in ahouse owned by our store; but I dont know if they will get it or not;as the house is now being used by a native family;which will not get out until they get their own house;now in construction:finished.

But generally speaking my people simply hate the Catholics;we have one family(you recall the man with broken arm) and my youngfolks will not take up with theirs by marriage at all;right lately one of my

Sheet #2 for DR King.

Elders discovered one of his daughters would be confided soon; and the man involved is the SIMPLE WITTED son of the referred Catholic family;;and my Elder says,he will not permit his daughter to marry the man;so I tell you the Elders family are wearing long faces,but very determined in their decision these days; Both the Elder and his wife came to me and said they did not want the girl to marry that man;so I am not trying to make them consent to doing so;and these two young men seem to be working hand in hand with the man with the broken arm;in short I can see they are in cahoots with him.

But I think our council has enough good men on it to handle both the young men(strangers) and also that of Elders daughter;if he will let them do so.

Other than the aforesaid maneuvers;our people are all home and going about their usual activities;and seem congenial amongst themselves and with me and all is fine;as far as I know.

Now for some business affairs;

1. Unless something unforeseen happens;I now have enough "uel oil on hands for two years. And the same applies to the kerosene and gasoline;for some reason they sent me a double order this yr.

2. And at present I believe I have enough food stuffs to be sufficient for the next two years also. And I do want to stay in Wales long enough to get what I have on hand used up;since I would lose too much to sell it to some one else.

If for any reason;I find I must order some things I shall be very glad to comply with your request as to Brands of food etc. And will get my order in on time.

3. Now as for the expenses I have paid for the following; and for remittances for these items;please send the check to me here at your convenience;thank you; Receipts given where I can;

Bill from A Polets;Nome;Alaska \$38.55✓

Freight on this bills goods 5.10✓

Mission boxes off C.G.Cutter Haida

dumped off at Teller Alaska 10.00✓

See order to Co;which please return to me;

as to these things;

I Steel bedstead 6.38✓ Mission pd freight, it

I Cil Spring for bed 8.88✓ came in Mission thing  
on 1st trip Freighter

I Extension table & 4 chairs to match same 11.95✓

Freight on same to Nome Alaska 20.00

Freight on same from Nome to Wales;;Table 1.00 Came separately.

Chairs 11.75✓ came 4 wks later.

Making a total due me of \$115.11

I have given credit slips to our store against the mission for this years Lighterage;locally;also credit slips to those who packed supplies for mission in to Manse<sup>etc</sup> from beach;and this bill I will get and send to later on as I was just at the store and the man is about swamped in work at waiting on customers right now and the mail boat may come any time so will not wait for that bill now.

And I have paid some workers as follows;rate as required here 40¢ hr; Roland Angnabooguk 9 hrs wk; I new bed Comfort & 6 cans conds. milk. Bob Tokienna 11 hrs wk,sorting oil drums; 3 pr girls hose,size 9 & 6. Later date to Roland Angnabooguk;;3 hrs wk;4 yds out;flannel.

But these men seemed so pleased with this pay;that I dont believe you will hear from them.

Now I will close and let you digest this missive;and beg you to not think of moving me;as all seems quite CK;and so am I. And thanks so much for your kindness and letters, Sincerely Emma M. Stauffer.



Wales. Alaska.  
Oct. 27th. 1941.

Dr. Everett B. King.  
#156 5th Ave.  
New York.  
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Well: I hear the mail boat is due here tomorrow; but it will break its records if it gets here on time; on its last trip up this way this autumn, so I managed to get the statement of the Missions account from our store Manager this afternoon and am enclosing it herein. I have gone over the account and it tallies with mine so it is correct. And will you please have the check made out to the "Wales Village Store" and send the check to me and I will take care of it for you.

I am also enclosing a sample childrens S.S paper; (Beginners) which is the type you are sending us now; but we need more of them as we now have need of 60 each Sunday School session; so will you please kindly increase your present order so that from now on we can have this number for each Sabbath, thank you. 11/10/41

And the larger paper herein; we do not seem to have any need for; as our children will not read it; so I think it best to stop this one entirely.

And if Miss Vint or anyone of your office force; as they usually do; may be writing me to know what Magazines etc I would like to have subscriptions for; just please inform them to let anyone that wants to do it, subscribe for the Sunday School Times; sample enclosed; because the folks of our Young People's Society are enjoying this paper very much; and we surely are getting a lot of good out of having it for them.

I have always been subscribing for this for several years myself, but please tell Miss Vint I would rather she would drop the subscription for Women and Missions for me; and send the S.S. Times instead; as I never get time to read the magazine, no how, and can get along very well without it. If Miss Vint is willing to look after this for me; kindly let her know that my subscription runs out about Jan. 1st. 1942. 11/10/41

And the check enclosed is the total amount to date received from sales of Hymn books. And by the way, our stock of Hymn books is getting low; but guess you cant send any large PKGE now by mail; since boat service is done; we will wait until next summer season; as I still have some.

And since to the best of my knowledge "all is well" locally I beg to be Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.



Wales. Alaska.  
Nov.5th,1941.

Dr.Everett B.King.  
#156--Fifth Ave.  
New York.  
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

Our mail arrived Nov 3rd.beginning mail service for the winter by Plane;and we are not very happy about it either since it means we can now get only first class mail until the boats begin to come in next year;in June or July.

And the mail brought me the Batch of Income Tax papers that are enclosed in your envelope. I thought you informed me last year that I did not need to make out any such report;and I beg permission to ask you to investigate this;if I am not expected to pay income tax.,etcetc.

Is it because I have about \$800.00 on interest in a Seattle Bank;that they are after me?

But in reality;I am wondering if it is me they are after;since there is or used to be;according to letters sent here to me;that are not mine,nohow;though they are addressed to me,as plain as can be;name spelled exactly the same;

;another person by the same name as me,somewhere in the USA,or in the world,and by the letters,which I start to read and find they are not for;reveals they want to know where that Emma Stauffer has been all the years no one has heard from her;and just in the last month I have sent two such letters back to the Senders. I dont know who she is,never saw her, and neither am I a fugitive from anywhere. So what can I do about this Tax business,I never made a report,never had anything to report,and all I have now,maybe enough to bury me some day.

And many thanks for the check just rec'd too. And do you know I would appreciate having the Schwabacher bills for my groceries etc for this year. I had ordered some cases of Aviation gas for my own use in my little engine for charging my radio batteries;and it seems to me the way things stand now you folks will not know what I want with all that gasoline;So I will appreciate the above referred to bills;as they come,itemized from the Firm;so I can get at the bottom of my own expenses,and thank you very much in advance.

Locally;all seems well;as far as I know it is, and every line of your mission work is going along very well.

Our people;some boys have gone to the Army,others want to go; some are gone after reindeer,some away for various other duties; making us still;more or less shifting as to number present in town. The two white men are,it seems at least one councilman told me would remain here for the winter,claimed to be Writers; and want materials for the same;which I very much doubt,I think they are here for something else. Will let you know from time to time how things go. Am gratefully yours

*Emma M. Stauffer*

November 10, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for your two good letters that I have read very carefully and I do appreciate your frank statement and your description of what is going on. I shall be very anxious and eager to know what mission the two strangers have in Wales. I think you will be wise in acting carefully around them. I cannot imagine what they are doing in Wales.

I note what you say about your supplies. I am glad that you feel that you have ample supplies for the next two years. Unless, therefore, some emergency arises, we shall not expect any requisition list from you and unless we do receive one by April 1, 1942 we will know that you are well cared for.

Enclosed you will find two checks; one for \$165.30 according to your statement with the local store, and the other for \$115.11 to cover the amounts that you have listed for the manse.

We will try to take care of the magazines for you. I do not want you to discontinue your subscription for WOMEN AND MISSIONS. I think you should take time to read it. It is a good magazine and there are many real helps in it.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

ALASKA



Wales. Alaska.  
Dec.2nd,1941.

Dr.Everett B.King.  
#156--5th Ave.  
New York.  
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

This is just a little newsy letter along with the Nov.15th,report,as our mail dont come until early in Dec;or anytime during the month;I was in no hurry to complete the Report until this date.

And everything seems to be going along fine;the winter's schedule of classes and meetings is in full motin, and all seem very happy. Tho it is just about time now that I close down on all my childrens Bible classes and play hours;as they get so half wild as it nears Christmas;that the only way to handle them is to turn them lose out on the snow; where they romp and race and carry on like a pack of wolves; until they are exhausted of their excess steam. I do so wish there was a Gymnasium in connection with the school here;but there is not and the children have no place to play. So I do hope if I am still here when the mission builds a new manse; or if they dont build;reroof this one,and let me enlarge one room here and make it better for me to hold the classes in;in winter time,in summer it is no need for to hold them;as the little folks are all out doors,and we want them out too,since about 75% of them have tuberculosis;let them get outdoors. And in winter I dont like to get into close quarters with them; first for their tuberculosis;2ndly for their being polluted with lice of all species;all winter long;I have a miserable time to keep myself and bed clothes free of their vermin;but this must never go any farther than to you;as this is why some object to me; as I try to get them to clean up;and they dont want to do it.

But one thing has at last gotten into action that I spoke of some four years ago;and at that time my Elders were just about ready to rebel;when I said that I had never been in a church where the children run wild during meetings;nor had I ever seen them crawling over top of seats;and the mothers helping them,to get to where they wanted to go to,but the Elders just did not say a word. So not long ago one of the Interpreters just raised a good howl;as the youngsters kept running back and forth infront of the pulpit;so when I called a meeting of Session to settle where to put the Tablet Mrs Thornton gave us (and we put it outside church;above the door) one of the Elders brought up the question of how to handle these children in meetings;well I just kept quiet;as I had tried before to get them to act on this and they did not;so after a long discussion in Eskimo; they decided to appoint three men to act as Ushers for each meeting



----And now all is fine; as after much<sup>x</sup> talking about on my part; the Ushers seat the parents and small children together. And the older children, that I have been having in classes are very good about keeping quiet in meetings.

Of course there is an old saying "That a new broom sweeps clean", so I don't know how long the Ushers may be able to so handle the situation, as they are very scared they will hurt some one's feelings. But I just praise Ushers in their efficient service; as I find out this is the only way to handle these people. Just like children, exactly, but I am thinking that by the time the young men that have gone from here into Army service; get<sup>x</sup> a few months of Army discipline; likely they will appreciate what mild leadership Miss Banan and I have been practicing on them.

And just think how many years I have tolerated their noisy children; but all is well now; and I sincerely hope the Ushers don't tire of their job. They were appointed by the Session to serve one month at a time; two men for each month.

Dec. 16th.

I began this letter and in fact had mailed it and as no mail has yet come since early in Nov., I just got the letter from the P.O. and am adding this month's reports in it too; so that will be why you may notice the envelope has been opened and resealed.

Dr. King; may I ask you who should be the Head of our Session? Dr. Somerndike recommended that I have my membership here, so that I could, rather be eligible to moderate; rather, lead our sessions' meetings. So I brought my membership here and was elected an elder, and ordained as such. And it seems to me that since I am the missionary in charge that I should naturally be the Head one.

Now don't think for a minute we are having any trouble; we are not; but it is to me ridiculous for me to have to take a back seat; (so to speak) and let a set of people like I have here have the authority to <sup>make out</sup> do so. They don't in any way support the church. But they are very, very kind and helpful to me, and it would surprise you the fine set up of children's classes I have here, of ~~course~~ course they are slow to learn, but still if I had to live as they I surely would be just the same as they.

We had a very good Thanksgiving service; and feast and games etc, and every one seemed very happy. And the men got a large 39 ft long BLACK WHALE; just the Monday after Thanksgiving, and oh how happy they all are over this catch. I think of the TONS of blubber they will eat from it, but not for me, odor too strong for me; but I have eaten, and enjoyed some of the liver of it.

When I was going home last winter; I moved all medicines over to the school teachers; and now they have to do the running around in these very stormy days after the sick ones; too sick to come to the school house for treatment. So I was surprised to have one of my Interpreters come after me the other day for to come and see his little child; so I have been going\* after seeing the little one twice daily; as I say when they really get sick, they do come after me. But I think it will be a mistake to ever put another nurse who is even half as much good as I am; amongst these people; they want to doctor themselves. This child is seriously ill of pneumonia and spinal meningitis; tubercular at that; and the folks say she just has liver trouble; want to massage her; well, God, will take her out of her misery if they massage very much.

I baked bread today; just finished when a Quartette came in to practice Songs for our Christmas entertainment; well they are gone home; and two young men are here biding their time; waiting for a plane to take them to Nome to enter Army. So may I wish you a Merry Christmas, no matter when you get this, and hope to get mail sometime yet this month; but maybe not.

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

\* Teachers wife and go together - we are  
have very blustery weather.

December 18, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Enclosed we are sending you the bills covering the supplies purchased for Wales this year. We have itemized them to show just where the charges were made. If there are any questions which you may have after you have studied the bills, do not hesitate to write us.

Please remember to save your oil drums to be shipped back to Seattle as we may be able to save some money on the oil shipments.

It is essential that all requisitions for supplies for 1942 be in the office not later than April 1, 1942. With the outbreak of the war it will be more difficult than ever to secure space for our Alaskan supplies so it is very important that these orders be on hand as early as possible and not later than April 1st to insure your receipt of them.

Cordially yours,

McE  
Enc.



December 8, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer  
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

This is to notify you that the amount of \$345.47 is being charged against your 1941-42 salary on account of personal supplies. This amount will be deducted as follows:

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| December 1941 through August 1942 | \$34.54 per month |
| September 1942                    | 34.61             |

As soon as we have completed the check on the Maintenance bills we shall let you know the amount of these and will forward the bills to you for your information.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE



## QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From EMMA M. STAUFFER. WALES. ALASKA.  
Church THORNTON MEMORIAL.  
Date OCT. 15TH; 1941.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr. King;

Well here it report time again and just what I shall write you is a mystery to me; since we have very little of any extra ordinary character going on here at any time.

But since writing you last; we have had quite a "Home coming" of our people who had been away working for the summer season; and to date all have gotten back except five young men who may and may not return; as the work they do in summer opens up early; so it is possible that they may remain out of town for the winter.

And as usual after the excitement of unloading Ships and packing supplies from our beach to the store, mission, school etc, we have contracted a miserable type of infection of the Respiratory system; as a result many folks have been quite ill and confined to their home for several; but I am thankful none developed pneumonia., and in general they all seem to be improving. But we expect just one more Call here of the Mail boat which will bring some freight too; but hope the weather and SEA may be favorable so no bad effects may result.

But in spite of their sore thorats and bad colds, the people have been most faithful in attendance for services; and all children that were able to get here have been out for their Bible classes. Even last evening regardless of the heavy rain, there was 100% attendance of course with these boys; as well as with all my other classes; we have our class; then a play time; and for those who wish to read I have kept up subscriptions for good magazines and reading for them; so as they all seem to enjoy the play, and reading time so much, it takes some four or five hours to finish up with each class. But it is an inspiration to service to see the interest the children show in their Bible class work, thus a great pleasure to be of help to them.

And now we are all settled in for the winter and have taken up our regular schédüle of services except where we used to have the Sabbath P.M. song service; we now hold a Young Peoples meeting; and thought it is slow getting them to take their places as officers and Leaders for meetings; still they are doing very well and seem to enjoy their meetings. And as servant amongst these people I humbly solicit your daily prayers for us all; so that all that we do may for honor and glory of our Master and King Christ Jesus.

*Emma M. Stauffer*



Wales. Alaska.  
Dec.30th,1941.

Dr.E.B.King.  
#156;5th Ave.  
New York.  
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

Well;we have not had any mail service since the early days of November;and no telling when we will have any either. Because the Party who had the mail delivery Contract died;a year or so ago;and his wife has been trying to carry on,and finish out the time for the Contract;but somehow things are not being done.

But;on my radio this morning I over heard a neighboring village radio Operator asking for weather from Wales;just why I have no idea(as government had ordered all radio operators OFF the air except to report an enemy attack;or sabotage) unless the weather bureau wanted our weather report for the mail carrier.

So I decided to get a little order ready to send to you in case the mail plane swoops in here some time and waits only a few minutes while the Postmaster gives him the out going mail; so I will send you this;and maybe later on another order;but at present I do not plan to do so.)

May I say that Christmas is over;and every one seems very happy;of course I had an awful lot of second hand clothes;and many pairs of;new;childrens stockings to give out to them,and I surely am glad that date is over;as it takes this old junk out of my PLACE and now I have space to walk at least.

Fate surely has helped me out a lot this winter;as I had turned all medicines etc over to the teachers ere I went on Leave last winter;and since the government has charge of the medical work here;I have not and am not going to ever again take supplies for it;over to my house;mush to the disgust of the teachers. But when the natives get seriously sick,they come after me;and we have had two very seriously sick children,one is still so,and is likely to be such as long as it lives,with the growth on its back; while the other lassie is apparently getting over her 106" fever, outside these two cases;the teachers have had to do the traveling through the village in all sorts of weather to care for sick folks; and the natives are finding out that teachers dont go and look after them as much as I used to do;which is good for them to know. And it has saved me from so much exposure to the severely cold weather.

The two white men are still here;but have calmed down a lot, since USA has gotten into the war. Of course the older one has <sup>most</sup> always been quiet,respectable and gentleman like,while the younger one seems silly etc;but brother I tell you they are here for some purpose;I do not know just what the young one is always BUTTING into things;and I heard one of my Elders tell him just before Christmas;that when his (not the Elder's)help was wanted he would be notified,so that set the young man back at least one pace. This young man tried to love me up as he caught up to me on the pathway as I was returning home from up town;his friend was assisting in the game too;well I gave him a good settling;that has held him to his place ever since.They are waiting for mail;they say;then they expect to move on;but I doubt their story.



Supply order for Wales Alaska;for summer of 1942.

2 50 lb;Hard,mixed Candy, Pails or sturdy substantial Containers.  
2 Bbbl Pillsbury Best Flour (white) ;BOXED 100 lb in each.  
2 100 lb Sacks white cane sugar; " " " "  
1 100 lb Sack Corn meal(yellow) " " " "  
1 100 " " Cereal;Rolled Oats " " " "  
3 Ton Coal;hard,Utah. for 1942.  
3 " " " " " 1943.  
2 50 lb Sacks of Peanuts ROASTED IN THE SHELL;THESE ALSO BOXED.  
and 30 lb JOLLY TIME POPCORN(in tins),<sup>1942</sup>and these also " .  
" 30 " " " " <sup>1943</sup> " " " "

*2, 1 qt Pyrex extinguishers & Refills*  
*4 dark green window shades - 46" wide - standard size*  
I hope you can manage to get these things up to me;but how I dont know;but surely UNCLE SAM is not going to let that little JAPAN ruin everything for us.

Locally we are BLACKED OUT;at night church and all;and I tell you this blackout business is no fun;when we have so much dark season;but we are getting used to it now;but before long we shall have all daylight;then we will be at the mercy of Japan;which I hope UNCLE SAM keeps busy elsewhere than up this way. Of course the ice on the Bering Straits will hold up ships;but it will not interfere with dropping bombs from Planes onto us. But there is not any Forts or Garrison Garrisons within 100 miles of Wales;so we are hoping to be let alone.

But it is useless to build anything until this war is settled up and we must hope and pray that such a time may come soon.

Well I must get this to the office as this is a very fine,clear, warm day,and if the mail is to come it will be along any moment now.

Hoping to hear favorably from you at your convenience I beg to be

Gratefully yours

*Emma M. Stauffer*



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